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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of written *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On Thursday, August 31, 2003, undersigned counsel for the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers distributed the attached written presentation to the members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service at the *en banc* hearing in Denver, Colorado.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria  
Counsel for the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers

Enclosure